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East 3rd Road at I-80 to close Aug. 13

OTTAWA – The Illinois Department of Transportation announced today that East 3rd Road at Interstate 80 in La Salle will be closed this weekend for bridge removal. The closure will begin at 7 p.m. Friday, Aug. 13.

The closure is necessary to remove a portion of the eastbound I-80 bridge that crosses East 3rd Road. The road will reopen at 5 a.m. on Monday, Aug. 16.

This work is part of a larger \$16.38 million project to replace beams and the deck on the bridges carrying I-80 over the Little Vermilion River east of the Illinois 351 interchange (exit 77). The project also will repair the bridges carrying I-80 over East 3rd Road and Raccuglia Drive.

Motorists can expect delays and should allow extra time for trips through this area and be prepared for slow and stopped traffic. To avoid the work area, when feasible, use of alternate routes should be considered. Drivers are urged to pay close attention to changed conditions and signs in the work zones, obey the posted speed limits, refrain from using mobile devices and be alert for workers and equipment.

Over the next six years, IDOT is planning to improve more than 3,535 miles of highway and 9 million square feet of bridge deck as part of the Rebuild Illinois capital program, which is investing \$33.2 billion into all modes of transportation. Accomplishments through Year Two included approximately \$5.2 billion of improvements statewide on 3,020 miles of highway, 270 bridges and 428 additional safety improvements.

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